

## **APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PROVIDE REDUNDANT ACCESSOR AVAILABILITY**

### **Abstract**

A method to provide redundant accessor availability in an automated data storage  
5 library. The method provides a data storage and retrieval system comprising one or more  
data storage devices a robot accessor and a gripper. Either at the same time or at a later  
time, the user obtains a second gripper and/or a second accessor. The method allows  
selection and/or authorization for additional support from the second gripper and/or the  
second accessor upon request and authorization. The redundant accessor capabilities are  
10 provided on an honor system for payment for the additional capability, and/or uses a  
system for tracking the redundant accessor usage, and/or uses license keys or other  
controls that must be obtained prior to enabling redundant accessor capabilities.